AN

ABSTRACT

OF THE

ACT

(Made *Anno vj°. & vij°. Gulielmi* III. *Regis.*)

INTITULED,

An Act for the Kings moſt Gracious, General and Free PARDON.

AND ALSO

The Act to Prevent Counterfeiting and Clipping the Coin of this Kingdom.

LONDON,

Printed by *Charles Bill*, and the Executrix of *Thomas Newcomb* deceas'd, Printers to the Kings moſt Excellent Majeſty; And ſold by *Robert Vincent* in *Cliffords Inn Lane* in *Fleetſtreet*, and *Joſhua Brixey* at *Clements Inn Gate* without *Temple Bar*. 1695.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE ACT

(Made *Anno* v^to & vi^to *Gulielmi* III. *Regis*,)

INTITULED,

An Act for the Kings most Gracious, General and Free Pardon.

It is Enacted,

THAT all Subjects of this Realm of *England*, *Wales* and Town of *Berwick*, their Heirs, Succeſſors, Executors and Adminiſtrators, and every of them, all Bodies Corporate, Cities, Boroughs, Shires, Ridings, Hundreds, *&c.* and every of them, and the Succeſſor and Succeſſors of every of them, ſhall be Pardoned and Diſcharged

Perſons Pardoned, and for what.

ged of, and from all Treaſons, Felonies, Miſpriſions of Treaſon, Treaſonable or Seditious words, or Libels, Miſpriſions of Felony, Seditious and Unlawful Meetings and Conventicles, Offences of *Præmunire*, Riots, Routs, Offences, Contempts, Treſpaſſes, Entries, Wrongs, Deceits, Miſdemeanors, Forfeitures, Penalties and Sums of Money, Pains of Death, Pains Corporal and Pecuniary, and of and from all Things, Cauſes, Quarrels, Suits, Judgments and Executions not hereafter Excepted, which by His Majeſty in any wiſe can be Pardoned before the 29th day of *April*, 1695. *p.* 485.

This Pardon ſhall be as good and effectual in the Law, to all His ſaid Majeſties Subjects, Bodies Corporate and others before Rehearſed, in, for and againſt all Things which are not herein after Excepted and Foreprized, as the ſame Pardon ſhould have been if all Offences, Contempts, Forfeitures, Cauſes, Matters, Suits, Quarrels, Judgments, Executions, Penalties, *&c.* not herein after Excepted, had been particularly named and pardoned, by proper and expreſs Words and Names, in their Kinds, Natures and Qualities, by Words and Terms thereunto Requiſite, and that

This Pardon as Good and Effectual as if the Offences, *&c.* had been particularly named.

that His ſaid Majeſties Subjects, their Heirs, Executors or Adminiſtrators, Bodies Corporate and others before named, or any of them, ſhall not be Sued, Vexed or Inquieted for any Matter, Cauſe or Thing, Done, Committed or Omitted, before the ſaid 29th of *April*, againſt His Majeſty, His Crown, Dignity, Prerogatives or Statutes of this Realm, except for ſuch Matters and Offences as are herein after Excepted. *p.* 486, 487.

His Majeſty Freely Grants to all His Subjects, Bodies Corporate and others before rehearſed, all Goods, Chattels, Debts, Fines, Iſſues, Profits, Amerciaments, Forfeitures and Sums of Money by any of them Forfeited, which do or ſhall belong to His Majeſty, by reaſon of any Offence, Contempt, Treſpaſs, *&c.* committed by them before the ſaid 29th of *April*, not herein after excepted. *p.* 487, 488.

Goods, *&c.* Forfeited to His Majeſty, reſtored.

All Grants thereof, or of any part thereof, made by ſuch as have forfeited the ſame, and are by the Act reſtored, and all Executions thereof, or of any part thereof had againſt any ſuch, after ſuch Forfeiture made, ſhall be of ſuch Force, as if no ſuch Forfeiture had been made. *p.* 488.

All Grants thereof made of as full Force, as if no ſuch Forfeiture had been made.

All

All His Majesties Subjects may Plead this Act without Fee,

All His Majesties Subjects and Bodies Corporate, may, by themselves, their Deputies or Attornies, Plead this Act for any thing thereby Pardoned or Discharged, without any Fee or other thing, paying to any person for writing or entring of the Judgments or other Cause concerning such Plea, Writing or Entry, but only Sixteen pence to the Officer or Clerk that shall Enter the same. *p.* 488, 489.

and shall be Expounded most Beneficial to the Subject.

This Pardon to be expounded most Beneficial and Available to the Subject. *p.* 489, 490.

Penalty for Inquieting Persons Pardoned, *&c.*

If any Officer or Clerk of any of His Majesties Courts shall, after the last day of *Trinity* Term, 1695. make out any Process, whereby any of the Subjects or Bodies Corporate aforesaid, may be inquieted for any thing hereby Pardoned, or if any Sheriff, Escheator, or their Under Officers, after the said last day of *Trinity* Term, levy or withhold any thing Discharged by this Act, they shall pay to the Party Grieved Treble Damages and Costs of Suit, and Forfeit to His Majesty Ten pound for every such Offence, and such Process to be void. *p.* 490, 491.

Except

Except all persons against whom any Proclamation hath been published since the 27th day of *April*, 1694. and before the 29th of *April*, 1695. *p.* 491.

Except.
Persons against whom any Proclamation hath been Published, *&c.*

And except all persons who have been Prisoners of War since the first day of *June*, 1689. and before the 30th day of *April* 1695. *p.* 492.

Prisoners of War, *&c.*

And except all persons who are, or shall be Prisoners, or under Bail for any Crime upon the 29th day of *April*, 1695. *p.* 492.

Prisoners, or under Bail for any Crime.

And except all persons now being in the *French* Kings Dominions (other then actual Prisoners.) *p.* 492.

Persons in the *French* Kings Dominions, *&c.*

And except all persons Imployed by the *French* King, or the late King *James*. *p.* 492.

And except all Impeacht in Parliament during this Session. *p.* 492.

All Impeacht in Parliament.

And except Treasons committed in any places out of the Realm of *England* since the 13th of *February* 1688. *p.* 493.

Treasons out of the Realm.

And except all Treasons and othe Offences against an Act made in th

Treasons against an Act made 3 & 4 *Guil. & M.*

Third and Fourth years of the Reign of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act againſt Correſponding with Their Majeſties Enemies.* p. 493.

Treaſons upon the High Seas, &c.

And except all Treaſons upon the High Seas, and all Suits, Puniſhments, Outlawries, Judgments, Executions, Pains of Death, Forfeitures and Penalties, for, or by Reaſon of any Treaſons and Offences before excepted. p. 493.

Offences againſt an Act 13 *Car.* 2.

And except all Offences againſt an Act made in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, Intituled, *An Act for the Eſtabliſhing Articles and Orders, for the Regulating and better Government of His Majeſties Navy, Ships of War and Forces by Sea.* p. 493.

And againſt an Act 1 *Guil. & Mar.* 2 *G. & M.* and 4 & 5 *G. & M.*

And except all Offences againſt an Act made in the Firſt Year of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act for prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with* France; And another Act made in the Second Year of the ſaid King and Queen, Intituled, *An Act for the more effectual putting in Execution the ſaid laſt mentioned Act*; and againſt an Act made in the Fourth and Fifth Years of the ſaid King and Queen, Intituled, *An Act for Continuing the*

Acts

Acts for Prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with France, *and for the Encouragement of Privateers.* p. 494.

And except all Offences in Forging and Counterfeiting the Great or Privy Seal, Sign Manual or Privy Signet, or of Moneys, and all offences of unlawful diminiſhing Moneys. *p.* 494.

Offences in Forging the Privy Seal, *&c.* and all Moneys.

And except the Offences of bringing into this Realm any Falſe or Counterfeit Money, Made or Counterfeited out of this Realm, knowing the ſame to be Counterfeit, and uttering ſuch Counterfeit Money; and all Miſpriſions and Concealments of the Treaſons before excepted, and Abetting, Aiding, Comforting and Procuring the ſame. *p.* 494, 495.

Bringing into this Realm Counterfeit Money, Uttering or Concealing the ſame.

And except all Eſcapes of Traytors or others, and the Acceſſaries thereto, *p.* 495.

Eſcapes of Traytors.

And except all murders Petit Treaſons and willful Poyſonings, and alſo all willful Burning of Houſes or Barns with Corn in them, and the Acceſſaries thereunto. *p.* 495.

Murders, Petit Treaſons, *&c.*

Robberies and Piracies upon the Seas.

And except Robberies and Piracies upon the Seas, Procuring and Abetting ſuch Offenders, and Receiving them or Goods taken by Piracy. *p.* 495.

Burglaries in the day time.

And except all Burglaries and Breaking into, and Stealing out of any dwelling Houſes in the day, and Acceſſaries thereunto. *p.* 496.

Robberies of Churches, and on the High-way.

And except Robberies of Churches, and Robberies committed on the High-way. *p.* 496.

Buggery.

And except Buggery with Mankind or Beaſt, and Rapes of Women. *p.* 496.

Willful taking away Maid or Widow.

And except the willful taking away, or Marrying any Maid, Widow or Damſel, againſt her Will or the Aſſent of her Parents or Guardians, and Acceſſaries thereunto. *p.* 496.

Perjury and Subornation and Forging of Deeds.

And Except all Offences of Perjury, and Subornation of Witneſſes, and of Forging and Counterfeiting Deeds, Writings or Records, and alſo the Offences of Forging Seamens Tickets, or Authorities for Receiving Money due to Seamen, or Examinations of Witneſſes tending to bring any perſon in danger of Life,

Life, and all procuring or concealing the ſame. *p.* 496, 497.

And Except all Offences againſt an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fifth of King *Charles* the Second, Intituled, *An Act for preventing Dangers which may happen from Popiſh Recuſants.* p. 497. Offences againſt an Act 25 *Car.* 2.

And Except all Offences againſt an Act made in the Thirtieth Year of King *Charles* the Second, Intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preſerving the Kings Perſon and Government, by diſabling Papiſts from ſitting in either Houſes of Parliament*; and all Forfeitures, Penalties and Diſabilities incurred by either of the ſaid Acts. *p.* 497, 498. and againſt an Act 30 *Car.* 2.

And Except all Offences Committed in any Foreſt ſince the Thirteenth Day of *February*, 1688. *p.* 498. Offences in any Foreſt.

And Except all Offences and Forfeitures now due, or which may be due to His Majeſty, by reaſon of any Offence, *&c.* contrary to any Statute (other then uſing a Trade without Serving Seven Years) or contrary to the Common Law, and whereof any Action, Bill, Plaint, Information or Indictment, Offences contrary to any Statute or the Common Law.

ment, within Two Years next before the Day of holding this preſent Parliament, or at any time ſince, hath been Commenced in any of His Majeſties Courts at *Weſtminſter*, or before any Commiſſioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, Goal Delivery, or Juſtices of Aſſize, and is Depending, or whereupon any Verdict, Judgment or Decree is already Given or Entred, or whereof His Majeſty or Her Majeſty of Bleſſed Memory, hath made any Aſſignment before the ſaid Thirtieth Day of *April*, 1695. and all Awards, Orders and Proceedings thereupon. *p.* 498, 499.

All Proceedings concerning High-ways.

And Except all Proceedings concerning High-ways and Bridges, and Iſſues returned upon any ſuch Proceſs ſince the Twentieth Day of *March*, 1679. *p.* 499.

Imbeziling the Kings Goods, &c.

And Except Offences in Imbeziling and Purloining His Majeſties Goods, Moneys, Chattels, Jewels, Armour, Munition, Stores, Naval Proviſions, Shipping, Ordnance, or other Habiliments of War; and all Offences in Conveying to the *French* King or his Subjects any Naval Stores or Contraband Goods. *p.* 499, 500.

And

And except all Conditions and Covenants, and all Penalties, Titles, and Forfeitures of Conditions or Covenants accrued to His Majeſty, by the Breach and Non-performance of them. *p.* 500. Penalties of Conditions or Covenants forfeited to His Majeſty.

And except all Offences of Inceſt, Simony and Dilapidations, and except all Titles, Suits, and Actions of *Quare Impedit*. *p.* 500. Offences of Inceſt, Simony, &c.

And except Adultery, and other enormous Crimes by perſons in Holy Orders, puniſhable in Eccleſiaſtical Courts. *p.* 500. Adultery by Perſons in Holy Orders.

And except Firſt Fruits and Tenths, Penſions, Procurations, Synodals, and other payments out of any Eccleſiaſtical Benefice, other than Arrears of Tenths, which at any time before the ſaid Firſt Day of this Seſſion of Parliament, did become due out of ſmall Livings, not worth Thirty Pounds a Year improved value, and which ſhall be ſo Certified by the Biſhop or Guardian of the Spirituals before the laſt day of *Michaelmas* Term, 1695. but this Act ſhall not Diſcharge Biſhops from Anſwering any of the ſaid Arrears by them received. *p.* 500, 501. Firſt Fruits and Tenths.

And

Moneys and Duties Granted to the King, and the Concealment and Wrongful detaining thereof.

And except the Moneys and Duties following and Concealments thereof, *viz.* of any Cuſtom or Subſidy, Exciſe, Hearth-money, Impoſition upon Wine, or other Liquors, Duties upon Salt, Duties upon Tunnage of Ships, Duties upon Velum, Parchment and Paper, Arrears of any Land Tax, Poll Money, Arrears of Rent, and all other Sums of Money, Due or Owing from any Licenſed Hackney or Stage Coachmen, Duty ariſing by Wine Licences, or the Poſt-Office, or any other Duty due to His Majeſty by Act of Parliament, and Forfeitures for Non payment thereof, and Miſdemeanours in Miniſters concerning the ſame. *p.* 501. 502.

Forfeitures and Penalties on Officers for any Miſdemeanours or Omiſſions.

And Except all Forfeitures and Penalties, to which any Officer is or may be liable for any Misbehaviours, Miſdemeanours or Omiſſions committed or done in the Execution of his Office, and all Suits, Proceedings and Proſecutions had or to be had, for or by reaſon thereof. *p.* 502.

But the Forfeiture of 500 *l.* for not writing on Stampt Paper Pardoned.

But the Forfeitures of Five hundred pounds, and all other Penalties and Diſabilities Incurred by any perſon before the

the ſaid Twenty ninth day of *April*, 1695. Or which any perſon is or may be liable to for Writing, or cauſing to be Written before the ſaid Twenty ninth day of *April*, any Matter or Thing upon Parchment, *&c.* not Stampt according to an Act made in the Fifth and Sixth years of King *William* and Queen *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act for Granting to Their Majeſties ſeveral Duties upon Velum, Parchment*, &c. are hereby fully pardoned. *p.* 502, 503.

Taking from the Crown, Goods forfeited.

And Except all taking from His Majeſty, or from the Kings, or the late Queens Majeſties, or the late King *Charles* the Second, or *James* the Second, Goods forfeited for Treaſon, Petit Treaſon, Murder or Felony, or the Iſſues and Profits of Lands of Traytors, Murderers, Felons, or Clerks Attainted, or of the Poſſeſſions of any Biſhoprick, the Temporalties whereof upon the Twentieth day of *March*, 1679. or at any time ſince were or ought to have been in their hands. *p.* 503, 504.

Arrears due from Farmers of the Revenue.

And Except all Arrears of Rent due from any Farmer of any part of the Revenue, and of Fee-Farms, and other Rents. *p.* 504.

Accounts of Collectors, Commissioners, &c. of Revenues since 25 *March*, 1673.

And Except the Accounts of Collectors, Commissioners or Receivers, &c. of any Subsidy, Custom, Tunnage and Poundage, Additional Duties, Prize Goods, Excise, Arrears of Hearth Money, Impositions upon Wines, and other Liquors or Commodities; Duties upon Salt, Duties upon Tunnage of Ships, Duties upon Parchment, Velum and Paper, Arrears of any Land Tax, Poll Money, Arrear of Rent, or other Sums of Money for Licensing of Hackney and Stage Coaches, Duties arising by Wine Licences, or the Post-Office, or any other Tax, or other things grown due since the Twenty fifth of *March*, 1673. and of all other Accountants to His Majesty, in respect of any Receipt, or other Charge grown since the said Twenty fifth of *March*, and the Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Sureties of any person that ought to Account for all things touching only the same Accounts, and all Arrears of Accounts, and all untrue Accounts made since then. *p.* 504, 505, 506.

Recognizances in the Exchequer.

And Except Recognizances, and other Securities given by any Accountant in the Exchequer, and their Sureties, and all Recognizances, Obligations and Conditions for payment of Money. *p.* 506.

This

This Act ſhall not diſcharge any Recognizance, *&c.* not yet forfeited, or any forfeited Recognizance, *&c.* whereof the Farmers of the Exciſe, or any part of the Revenue ought to receive benefit, nor any Debt due by Recognizance, *&c.* to any perſons indebted to His Majeſty, which hath been ſeized in Aid, nor any Debt whereupon any Eſtallment or Seizure hath been made, upon which any thing is, or, ſince the ſaid Twenty fifth of *March*, hath been anſwered and paid, nor to diſcharge any Forfeitures or Sums of Money due to His Majeſty by any Statute, which Forfeitures, *&c.* ſince the ſaid Twenty fifth of *March* are converted into the nature of a Debt, or have been Eſtalled, or any Seizure made for them, upon which any thing hath been paid ſince the Twenty fifth of *March*. p. 506, 507.

Recognizances, *&c.* ſince 25 *March*, 1673.

But all Recognizances, *&c.* forfeited ſince the ſaid Twenty fifth of *March*, for Non-appearance in any Court, or other place, or not keeping the Peace, or not being of the Good Behaviour, are diſcharged, except Recognizances Granted to, or in Truſt for the Lord Almoner. *p.* 507, 508.

But Recognizances for Non-appearance in any Court, *&c.* Pardoned.

Iſſues, Fines and Amerciaments, &c.

And except all Iſſues, Fines and Amerciaments loſt or aſſeſſed ſince the ſaid Twenty fifth of *March*, being Totted or Received, by any Officer before the laſt day of *Trinity* Term, 1695. and all Iſſues, &c. Loſt or Aſſeſſed ſince the ſaid Twenty fifth day of *March*, Affeered, Taxed, Eſtreated or Entred ſeverally or particularly touching any one or more perſons, joyntly or ſeverally, above Six Pounds; And except Iſſues, Fines, &c. ſet in any Court of Record at *Weſtminſter* within a Year before the Firſt day of this Parliament, or at any time ſince. *p.* 508.

But all other Fines, as well *pro Licentia Concordandi*, as others, Let or Entred before that time, and all Iſſues and Amerciaments, as well Real as others, Let or Entred before the time aforeſaid, and which do not exceed Six Pounds, whether Eſtreated or not Eſtreated, whether turned into a Debt or not, and not being Totted or Received by any Officer before the Firſt day of this preſent Seſſion of Parliament, ſhall be Diſcharged. Yet nevertheleſs, the Eſtreats of ſuch Fines, &c. already Eſtreated out of the Exchequer, and Remaining in the Sheriffs Hands, ſhall upon Return of ſuch Eſtreat, be diſcharged and delivered

vered by Scrows into the Pipe-Office, as hath been accuſtomed, to the intent, that thereupon an Order may be taken that his Majeſty may be Truly Anſwered all ſuch Fines, Iſſues, *&c.* not by this Act Pardoned, and which any Sheriff or other Officer hath Received, or ought to anſwer by force of any ſuch Eſtreat or Precept to him or them made for the Levying thereof; and yet Sheriffs and other Accountants, upon Petition, to have allowance for ſuch Fines, *&c.* as are Pardoned, ſhall have their Petition allowed without Fee. *p.* 508, 509, 510.

This Act ſhall not Pardon any who by Name are excepted out of the Act of Oblivion, made 12 *Car.* 2. nor to thoſe Two perſons who appeared in Vizors upon the Scaffold, when King *Charles* the Firſt was Murdered, *p.* 510, 511.

Perſons Excepted in the Act of Oblivion. 12 *Car.* 2.

Nor ſhall this Act reſtore any Ability to Exerciſe Offices, or to ſerve in Parliament, *&c.* to perſons Diſabled by any other Laws. *p.* 511.

Perſons Diſabled from Offices, *&c.* by any other Laws.

Nor ſhall this Act Pardon or Diſcharge any perſon who (if he after the Firſt Day of *September*, 1660. has Exerciſed, or

or hereafter ſhall Exerciſe any Office or Employment) is by the ſaid Act of 12 *Car.* 2. to Stand and be as if excepted out of the ſaid Act by Name. *p.* 511, 512.

Perſons Attainted for Rebellion, &c.

And Except all perſons Attainted by Act of Parliament, or otherwiſe, for any Rebellion, Levying of War, or any Conſpiracy thereof in any of His Majeſties Dominions, and all perſons Attainted or Outlawed for any other Treaſon, Petit Treaſon, Murder, Willful Poyſoning, Burglary or Robbery on the High-way, and all Executions therefore. *p.* 512.

Perſons Exil'd.

And Except all perſons who by any former Act are by Name Exil'd, or made liable to any Penalties whatſoever. *p.* 512, 513.

Perſons Enacted Priſoners by any Act this Seſſions.

And Except all perſons who by any Act which hath been or ſhall be made, during this preſent Seſſions of Parliament, are Enacted to be Priſoners, or Detain'd in Cuſtody, or Diſabled to Diſpoſe of their Eſtates. *p.* 513.

Offences in giving or receiving Gratuities from the *East India* Company.

And Except all Offences in giving or promiſing, or in receiving or taking, or in accepting of any promiſe of any Sum

Sum of Money, or other Gift, Reward or Gratuity, for the procuring or aſſiſting in procuring of a New Charter, or Charter of Reſtitution to the *Eaſt India* Company, or for the Regulating the ſaid Company, or in order to the obtaining or promoting an Act of Parliament for confirming the *Eaſt India* Company, or in order to prevent or obſtruct the paſſing of an Act of Parliament for Erecting or Settling a New *Eaſt India* Company, or in refuſing to give Evidence, or Declare their Knowledge touching any of the ſaid Offences, having been thereunto lawfully required. *p.* 513.

Perſons Tranſported.

And Except perſons who after Conviction or Attainder for any Felony have deſired to be Tranſported. *p.* 513.

Perſons Excepted out of the General Pardon.

And Except all perſons, who being excepted out of the ſaid Act of General Pardon, have had any Pains or Penalties impoſed on them by any ſubſequent Act. *p.* 514.

Offences by Jeſuits and *Romiſh* Prieſts, &c.

And Except all Offences committed by Jeſuits and *Romiſh* Prieſts, contrary to the Statute made in the Twenty ſeventh year of Queen *Elizabeth*, Intituled, *An Act againſt Jeſuits, Seminary*

nary Prieſts, and other diſobedient Perſons, and all proceedings for the ſame Offences, and Except all Convictions of Popiſh Recuſants. *p.* 514.

Proceſs of Outlawry ſhall not be ſtayed, *&c.*

No Proceſs of Outlawry or proceedings thereon at the Suit of any Perſon Plaintiff, ſhall, by Virtue of this Pardon, be ſtayed, unleſs the Defendant appear, and put in Bail where the Law requires it, and take out a Writ of *Scire facias* againſt the party at whoſe Suit he was Outlawed; nor ſhall this Pardon diſcharge any Outlawry after Judgment, till Satisfaction or Agreement be made with the party at whoſe Suit the Outlawry was obtained. *p.* 514.

Perſons Pardoned may plead the General Iſſue.

Perſons hereby Pardoned may plead the General Iſſue, and give this Act in Evidence for their Diſcharge, and the ſame ſhall be allowed. *p.* 515.

This Act of good force againſt perſons claiming from the Crown.

This Act ſhall be of as good force to Pardon and Diſcharge the premiſſes abovementioned, and intended to be Pardoned and Diſcharged, as well againſt ſuch Perſons, Bodies Politick and Corporate as Claim the ſame by any Grant from the Crown, as againſt the Kings Majeſty himſelf. *p.* 515.

F I N I S.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE ACT

To Prevent the

Counterfeiting and Clipping

The Coin of this Kingdom.

AN ABSTRACT OF THE ACT

(Made *Anno vj°* & *vij° Gulielmi* III. *Regis.*)

To Prevent Counterfeiting and Clipping the Coin of this Kingdom.

It is Enacted,

THAT from and after the First Day of *May*, *Anno* 1695. If any perſon ſhall, at one Time or Payment, Exchange, Lend, Sell, Borrow or Buy, Receive or Pay, any Broad or Unclipt Silver Money of the Coin of this Kingdom, for more than the ſame was Coined for, and ought by Law to go for, ſhall Forfeit the Sum of 10 *l.* for every

Broad Money not to be put away for more then 'twas Coined for.

every 20 *s.* ſo Exchanged, Lent, Sold, Borrowed, Bought, Received or Paid, and ſo in Proportion for any greater or leſſer Sum, one Moiety to His Majeſty, the other to the Perſon who ſhall Sue or Inform for the ſame. *p.* 432.

No Ingots or Marks in them to be made in imitation of the *Spaniſh*.

No perſon ſhall Caſt Ingots or Bars of Silver in imitation of the *Spaniſh* Bars or Ingots; nor Stamp any Mark or Impreſſion upon any Ingot or Bar in likeneſs of *Spaniſh* Marks or Impreſſions, upon Forfeiture of the Silver ſo Caſt, and alſo the Sum of 500. *l.* one Moiety to His Majeſty, the other to the Informer. *p.* 432.

Penalty.

Penalty for having Clippings or Filings.

If any perſon Buy or Sell, or Knowingly have in his Cuſtody any Clippings or Filings of the Currant Coin of this Kingdom, he ſhall Forfeit the ſaid Clippings and Filings, and alſo 500 *l.* one Moiety to His Majeſty, the other to the Informer, and ſuffer Impriſonment till Payment, and ſhall alſo be Branded in the Right Cheek with a hot Iron with the Letter *R.* *p.* 433.

What Melted Silver may be Tranſported.

After the ſaid Firſt day of *May*, no Goldſmith or other Perſon ſhall Tranſport, or cauſe to be Tranſported beyond the Seas, any Molten Silver, but

but only ſuch as ſha'l be Marked or Stamped at Goldſmiths Hall, by ſome or one of the Wardens of the Company; which Mark or Stamp the ſaid Wardens are required to provide, and therewith to Stamp or Mark all ſuch Silver as ſhall be proved before them, or one of them, in manner hereafter mentioned, to be Lawful Silver, a Certificate being firſt had under the Hand of one or more of the ſaid Wardens, of Oath having been made before him or them, by the Owner or Owners of ſuch Molten Silver, and one credible Witneſs, That the ſame is Lawful Silver, and that no part of it was (before the ſame was Molten) the currant Coin of this Realm, nor Clippings thereof, nor Plate wrought in this Kingdom; which Oath the ſaid Wardens, or any one of them, is Authorized to Adminiſter, and to make Certificate thereof without Fee or Reward, and to make entry of ſuch Certificate in a Book for that purpoſe: And if any Perſon offer any Molten Silver to be Mark'd as aforeſaid, and ſhall not prove in manner aforeſaid, that the Silver ſo offered is Lawful Silver, and that the ſame was not, before the Melting thereof, the Currant Coin of this Kingdom, nor Clippings thereof,

nor

nor Plate wrought within the ſame, then it ſhall be Lawful for the ſaid Wardens or any one of them, to Seize ſuch Silver ſo offered, until ſuch time as ſuch Oath and Proof ſhall be made, as aforeſaid. *p.* 433, 434.

What Melted Silver put on Board a Ship ſhall be Seiz'd.

If any Perſon Ship, or cauſe to be Shipt any Molten Silver not Stampt or Markt, as aforeſaid, without Certificate of ſuch Oath made, as aforeſaid, which Certificate ſhall be ſhewn to one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, before any Cocket be granted for the Exporting ſuch Molten Silver, it ſhall be Lawful for any Officer of His Majeſties Cuſtoms, to ſeize ſuch Silver ſo Shipt or put on Board, one Moiety to His Majeſty, and the other to the Officer ſo ſeizing the ſame. *p.* 434.

What Perſons may not buy or ſell Bullion or Melted Silver.

If any Broker, not being a Trading Goldſmith or Refiner of Silver, buy or ſell any Bullion or Molten Silver, he ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment for ſix Months without Bail or Mainprize. *p.* 435.

How and when ſearch ſhall be made where perſons are ſuſpected

It ſhall be Lawful for one or more of the Wardens of the ſaid Company of Goldſmiths, with any two or more of the Court of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Company, within the compaſs of the Bills

Bills of Mortality; and for any Two Juſtices of the Peace within any County, City or Town Corporate, out of the compaſs of the ſaid Bills, to enter into the Houſe, Room or Workſhop of any Perſon who ſhall be ſuſpected to be guilty of buying or ſelling unlawful Bullion, and to Search for the ſame; and if the Occupier of ſuch Houſe, *&c.* refuſe to permit the ſaid Warden and Aſſiſtants, or Juſtices to make ſuch Search, it ſhall be Lawful to them, with a Conſtable, to break open any Door, Box, *&c.* in order to Search for and diſcover ſuch Bullion: And if the Perſons ſo Searching, ſhall find ſuch unlawful Bullion, they are to Seize, as well ſuch Bullion, as the Perſon in whoſe poſſeſſion the ſame ſhall be found, and ſhall bring him or her before the next Juſtice of Peace, and upon Oath of ſuch finding, ſuch Juſtice within the Bills of Mortality, and the ſaid two Juſtices without the ſaid Bills of Mortality, ſhall examin the Perſon ſo brought before him or them reſpectively, upon Oath Whether the Bullion ſo found be Lawful Silver? and whether the ſame was not (before the Melting thereof) the Currant Coin of this Realm, or Clippings thereof? And in Caſe the Perſon ſo Examin'd, ſhall

What to be done upon diſcovery of unlawful Bullion.

What proof to be made by the Perſon ſuſpected.

not prove by his or her Oath, or by the Oath of one credible Witneſs, before the ſaid Juſtice and Juſtices reſpectively, That the Bullion ſo found Lawful Silver, and that the ſame was not, before the Melting thereof, the Currant Coin of this Realm, nor Clippings thereof, then the ſaid Juſtice or Juſtices reſpectively, ſhall commit the Perſon ſo Examin'd to Priſon, and ſhall ſecure the Bullion ſo found, and ſhall oblige Perſons that can give any Evidence concerning the ſame, to enter into Recognizance to Proſecute the Offender; and in Caſe ſuch Offender in whoſe poſſeſſion ſuch Bullion ſhall be found, ſhall not, on his or her Tryal on an Indictment for Melting the Currant Coin of this Realm, prove by Oath of one credible Witneſs at the leaſt, the Bullion ſo found to be Lawful Silver, *&c.* as before; then, and for want of ſuch proof, ſuch Offender ſhall be found guilty of the Offence contain'd in ſuch Indictment, and ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment for ſix Months, without Bail or Mainprize. *p.* 436, 437.

In default thereof what to be done.

Penalty in the Offender.

Reward for thoſe that take or apprehend the Offenders within this Act.

After the Firſt of *May*, whoever ſhall apprehend or take any perſons, who have Counterfeited any of the Cur-

Currant Coyn of this Realm, or that for lucre or gain have Clipped, Waſh'd, Fil'd, or any ways diminiſh'd the ſame, or ſhall bring, or cauſe to be brought into this Kingdom, or *Wales*, or Town of *Berwick*, any Clipt, Falſe or Counterfeit Coin, and ſhall proſecute ſuch perſons, until Conviction for ſuch Offence, ſhall have and receive from the Sheriff of the County where ſuch Conviction ſhall be made, for every Offender ſo Convicted, the Sum of 40 *l.* (without paying any Fee for the ſame) within one Month after ſuch Conviction and Demand thereof, by tendring a Certificate to the ſaid Sheriff or Sheriffs for the time being, under the hand of ſuch Judge or Juſtices before whom ſuch Offender, as aforeſaid, ſhall be Convicted, certifying the Conviction done within the County of the ſaid Sheriff, and that ſuch Traytor or Offender was taken and proſecuted by the perſon or perſons claiming the ſaid Reward, which Certificate the ſaid Judge or Juſtices are required to give; And if any Diſpute ſhall ariſe touching the Right and Title to the ſaid Reward, then the Judge or Juſtices ſo reſpectively certifying, as aforeſaid, ſhall in and by their ſaid Certificate, direct and appoint the ſaid Reward, to be paid a-

What to be done for the obtaining thereof.

mongſt the Parties Claiming, in ſuch ſhare and proportion, as to the ſaid Judge and Juſtices ſhall ſeem reaſonable: And if default of payment of the ſaid Sum be made by the Sheriff, he ſhall forfeit to the perſon or perſons to whom it is due, double the Sum he ought to have paid, to be recovered by him or them, or his or their Executors or Adminiſtrators, with treble Coſts of Suit. *p.* 437, 438.

Forfeiture by the Sheriff for Non-payment of the Reward.

All Sheriffs, their Executors or Adminiſtrators, upon producing ſuch reſpective Certificates, and the Receipts for the Money paid by them in purſuance of this Act, ſhall be allowed in their Accounts with His Majeſty, all Moneys (other than the double Sum or Sums of Money, with Coſts of Suit) which they ſhall diſburſe, as aforeſaid. *p.* 438.

What the Sheriffs ſhall be allowed on their Accounts.

Provided, That if upon the Account of the Sheriff, there be not ſufficient in his hands to Reimburſe ſuch Moneys paid by Virtue of this Act, then the Sheriff ſhall be Repaid by the Lord Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, upon Certificate from the Clerk of the Pipe to that effect. *p.* 439.

How the Sheriff to be Reimburſed if he have not ſufficient.

If

If any perſon, being out of Priſon, ſhall, after the ſaid Firſt Day of *May*, be Guilty of Clipping, Coining, Counterfeiting, Waſhing, Filing or Diminiſhing the Coin of this Realm, and ſhall after Diſcover two or more perſons, who have or hereafter ſhall commit any of the ſaid Crimes, ſo as two or more of the ſaid perſons be Convicted of the ſame, any ſuch Diſcoverer ſhall have His Majeſties Pardon, for all ſuch Crimes which he or they committed before ſuch Diſcovery made: And if the perſon making ſuch Diſcovery be an Apprentice, he is hereby Declared a Freeman, and may Exerciſe any Lawful Trade, and in as full and ample manner, as if he Served the full time of his Apprenticeſhip. *p.* 439, 440.

What Diſcoverers of Offenders ſhall be Pardoned.

Encouragement to Apprentices to Diſcover.

In caſe any Seiſure be of Bullion Shipt to be Exported, and a Doubt ariſe whether the ſame be *Engliſh* or Foreign Bullion, the Proof ſhall lie on the Owner or Exporter of it, that the ſame is Foreign Bullion, and not Melted in *England*. *p.* 440.

Bullion Shipt, who ſhall Prove whether 'tis *Engliſh* or Foreign.

If any perſon Enter or Ship any Bullion allowed by this Act to be Exported other than in the Name of the True

How and in whoſe Name Bullion Shipt muſt be Entred.

Penalty.

True Owner or Importer, the Exporter thereof ſhall Forfeit the ſame, or the Value thereof, one Moiety to His Majeſty, the other to the perſon that ſhall Seize or Diſcover the ſame. *p.* 440.

Proviſo for the Exportation of Bullion for Payment of the Army.

Provided, That this Act ſhall not extend to Prohibit Exportation of ſuch Bullion as ſhall be Licenſed by His Majeſty (ſuch Licence being Entred in the Books of the Cuſtom-Houſe for the Port of *London*) ſo as the ſame be Exported before the Firſt of *January*, 1695. and do not exceed Seven hundred thouſand Ounces of Silver for the Payment of His Majeſties Forces. *p.* 440.

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